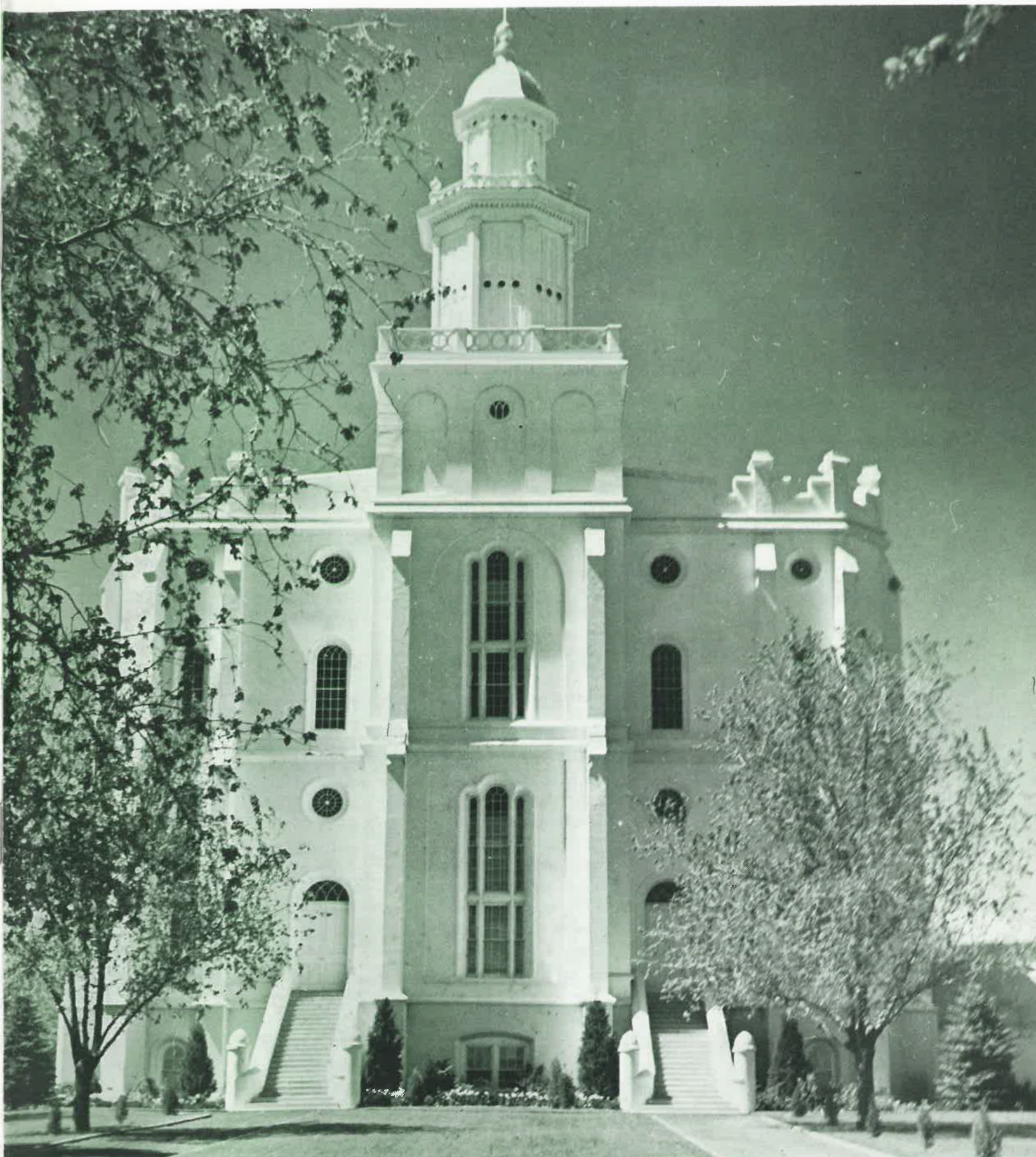


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FROM COTTON TO SUGAR BEET SEED

By V. R. LEANY

In this, the summer of 1961, cotton is growing again in Utah's Dixie. But only to the extent of a row or two in each of several family gardens, and for exhibition only in connection with celebrating the Centennial year of the establishment of THE DIXIE COTTON MISSION. If it should come back on a commercial basis, it would likely take its place in the five-year crop rotation with sugar beet seed and other crops, rather than as a replacement of the seed as a cash crop.

The long, hot summers that made cotton growing successful in Utah's Dixie in the days of Brigham Young, are separated by mild and comparatively short winters, which contribution of nature, coupled with the experimental work of government agencies and the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company has revolutionized the growing of sugar beet seed, and thus helped save the beet sugar industry of western and northwestern United States. This industry, prior to World War I, was dependent upon imports of seed from Czechoslovakia, Poland and Europe. The war's resultant curtailment of seed shipments from that source led to development of the sugar beet seed industry in our own country. But problems arose of insects, the white fly, curly top and blight. And the high cost of production in fall harvest and winter storage of the beets to be set in the ground following spring as mother beets to produce seed.

Experimental plots in St. George, over a period of a few years, proved that a white fly curly top and blight resistant strain of sugar beet seed could be developed. And that here in Dixie the winters were such that an early fall planting of sugar beets would make a good fall growth then become dormant as colder weather of winter set in. But that these winters were not of a root killing severity. And thus, when the warmth of spring renewed the growth of the beet, it was second growth and as such turned to seed production instead of root growth. The resultant saving of the time and labor required to harvest, store then reset the beets for second growth and consequent seed production established the potential of Utah's Dixie as a sugar beet seed producing natural.

In late August and early September of 1932 the planting of about 150 acres, under contract with the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co., spearheaded the commercialized growing of sugar beet seed on the fields of Dixie where cotton had grown 70



FIELD OF HALF-GROWN SUGAR BEET SEED IN THE FARMING AREA OF ST. GEORGE, UTAH

years earlier. The seed did well, and at the contracted price of nine cents per pound of recleaned seed made money for the farmers, in some cases enough to pay for the ground it was on, at \$300 per acre, in one year's production. This resulted in the price of good farm land raising to about \$1,000 per acre from the former price of from \$150 to \$300 per acre. Also the price of the seed has now risen to a minimum of 20 cents per pound for standard quality recleaned seed. The acreage under contract with the Sugar Company fluctuates from year to year, as between 300 and 500 acres. Production may run from 1,000 to 4,000 pounds per acre, depending on the fertility of the field, the preparation of the seed bed and the care of the growing crop. About 900 pounds per acre of commercial fertilizer are worked into the seed bed, and in the spring a booster of another 200 pounds is added for spring growth. The average production last year was 2,550 pounds of recleaned seed per acre.

Harvesting of the seed crop at first was with a regular alfalfa hay mower and about 20 men to pick up and shock the seed clustered foliage by hand. It then cured in the shocks until thoroughly dry, then was hauled on slips to a regular grain thresher with special attachments

adaptable to the job at hand. From the thresher the seed with still a trash content of about 15 per cent goes to the recleaning plant owned and operated by the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. A special cutter has now been developed with two cutter bars — one vertical and one horizontal. This cuts and leaves the seed in separated windrows from which a combine-like machine threshes it as it picks it up, depositing the seed into a moving bin for sacking and blowing the chaff back onto the field to be plowed under.

The advent of this industry has been very beneficial to the farmers of Utah's Dixie, in that it has taught them crop rotation, clean cultivation of farms including ditch banks and fence lines. And it has taught them to supplement their barnyard fertilizer with green fertilizer and with commercial fertilizers. This industry has helped the entire economy of St. George in the added prosperity of the farmers and in the \$40,000 annual payroll at the company-owned cleaning plant. This sugar company-owned property is taxable property, another benefit to Washington County.

The economy of the beet sugar industry of the western and northwestern United States has been helped by what has developed into a dependable supply of home-raised seed at a minimum of



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cost. And in that supply being constantly improved from every conceivable angle with every development that experts can give it. This research now makes possible a good stand with only one plant at a given point instead of a cluster such as came from planting the old standard seed from 3 to 7 germs in it. The improvement in this respect eliminates the need for hand thinning, as of old, in the fields planted for sugar production.



MURRAY WEBB FIELD, ST. GEORGE,
Utah. This field, curing in shocks that
will be picked up carefully to avoid
seed shatter and loss by two men with
pitchforks. It will be placed on slips
to go to the thresher somewhere in the
field.

According to Douglas Quayle, district manager of the project here for the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co., the Washington County project is here to stay because of its benefit to the company and to the farmers of Brigham Young's Dixie Cotton Mission as now, 100 years after their own forebears were sent here to raise cotton.



SUP PROFILES

WILLIAM BROOKS

William Brooks was born in St. George, Utah, April 23, 1881, the fifth in a family of twelve children. With his seven sisters and four brothers he grew up in the little red-stone house on Mount Hope. His father, George Brooks, was a stone-cutter, who as a young man had cut the



WILLIAM BROOKS

caps over the doors and windows of the St. George Tabernacle, and had worked on the Temple throughout its construction. His mother, Emma Cornelia Barnch, in addition to caring for her large family, later served as Stake Relief Society president for many years.

As a child, Will attended school in the Third Ward School House and in the Court House. At the age of sixteen he went to work for the B. Y. Lund Company at Modena, where for four years he was cook, hostler, general freight handler, and delivery boy. Each year as a part of his pay, he received a ton of flour which he sent home to the family.

He attended the Brigham Young College and the State Agricultural College, and for three years following lived in San Juan County, where he and two of his friends, David Jennings and Dan Perkins, took up extensive holdings and planned to get rich. Following his marriage to Nel-

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You remember that old Tithing Office

With bolts of home-made goods,
From the Factory over at Washington
That for years has in idleness stood.

You remember its baskets of onions

Its bins full of corn, oats, and wheat;
From its cellar came odors of cabbage,
Potatoes, squash, carrots, smoked meat.

But now, that it seems to be passing

On its memory a tear should be shed;
For its bins and baskets are empty
Its social spirit has fled.

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The year 1961 marks the Centennial of the founding of St. George, commonly known as Utah's Dixie City. It is with great pleasure that the Sons of Utah Pioneers will join with the citizens of St. George in celebrating this landmark in their history. A fine program has been planned by the Dixie Mission Chapter of SUP. Much credit must also go to Vice President V. R. Leany of St. George for the success of the 1961 SUP encampment arrangements.

The first white men to visit the St. George area were the members of the Domiguez-Escalante party of 1776 on their return to Sante Fe after a fruitless attempt to find a passage to Monterey.

Because of the lack of large game and fur-bearing animals in the area, Dixie did not become a haven for the trappers of the 1820's and '30's as did much of the northern part of Utah, but there is ample

evidence that such men as Jedediah S. Smith and other fur trappers passed through the area on their journeys in search of furs and markets.

Along with the visits of trappers came the Spanish slave traders with their evil trade in the Indians that inhabited the Great Basin. While these people traveled through the area, they never established permanent homes and it was up to the



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and party left in the winter of 1849 and traveled throughout much of Southern Utah, discovering coal and iron in the vicinity of present-day Cedar City. The group was extremely impressed by the mildness of the climate of the southernmost part of the state. After this exploration mission a few Pioneers moved south and established small settlements, but it was not until the October conference of the church in 1861 that President Young called three hundred Saints to move south and establish a central city in Dixie. By the first of November many were on their way, led by Apostles George A. Smith and Erastus Snow. The journey from Great Salt Lake City took about thirty days for most of the Pioneers and upon reaching the place that had been chosen by the advance party all gathered and the place was called St. George in com-



FIRST HOUSE BUILT IN THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE BY MELANCTHON W. BURGESS — First High Council meeting was held in this home on Nov. 15th, 1862. The two women in front of the home are Jennie and Maggie Burgess.



BRIGHAM YOUNG'S WINTER HOME IN ST. GEORGE — The above photo was taken in 1925, when the home was occupied by the Gates family.

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LOOKING DOWN 1st EAST STREET IN ST. GEORGE — From Memorial Clinic in foreground to St. George Temple, standing above all else as Brigham Young planned it should be, off center background.

pliance with the wishes of President Young.

Through the one hundred years that St. George has been the Queen city of Utah's Dixie it has seen many changes occur in its schools, homes, transportation, industry and way of life. The pic-

tures accompanying this article furnished us by V. R. Leany point out the contrast of the hundred years in St. George progress.



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THIS PIONEER ADOBE ONE-ROOM HOME IS STILL STANDING, BUT UNOCCUPIED. It is typical of many of the first homes built in St. George.

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lie Marie Stevens, he returned to St. George, where he has made his home. His public positions include City Councilman, County Assessor, County Clerk, and County Sheriff. In 1933 he was appointed Postmaster in St. George, which office he held until his retirement in 1951.

His wife died in 1932, leaving him with four sons. In 1933 he married Juanita Leavitt Pulsipher who brought into the family her son by a previous marriage. To this family were added a daughter and three additional sons. They raised their family in St. George, enlarging and modernizing the home in which Will was born to accommodate their growing posterity.

Mr. Brooks worked with Alma Lambert in his attempt to establish a branch of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in Dixie; later he made the arrangements and set the stage for Mr. Sorensen and others to effect a permanent organization. Since that time he has always been active, either as an officer or a member.

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As you know, it was 100 years ago that the DIXIE COTTON MISSION was organized in Salt Lake City by President Brigham Young and was sent south to the valleys of the red rock and the hot sun for the purpose of raising cotton.

As you will further recall, the Civil War was in progress at that time and all cotton shipments from the Southern States had been stopped. Therefore it was necessary for the L. D. S. people to become self-sustaining; hence, the Cotton Mission of Dixie came into being.

May I thank your SUP Convention Committee for having suggested you hold your convention here in St. George at the time of our Centennial and Rodeo.

We are also proud of the SUP Mormon Battalion group who have consented to participate in our parade.

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and back past ghost town of Harrisbu

Noon lunch period, 12:00 noon to

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Centennial Committee, who invite ou
invitation for the Mormon Battalion,
march or ride in uniform.7:30 p.m., Annual SUP PRESID
time dancing.**SUN**SEPT. 3 (Fast Day)—At 8:00 a.
for sightseeing trip of points of interes
Fast Day Testimony Meeting as shallPart of Sunday Afternoon open f
St. George Sacrament meetings, after noSunday evening, BREAD AND
shall be designated on formal program7:30 p.m., St. George City Cente
teous of the Centennial Committee.**MON**Sept. 4—Trek to Pipe Springs N
5:30 or 6:00 a.m. Arrival at Short C
Pause at Berry Knoll to hear story of m
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rg and Cotton Factory at Washington.
1:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

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st in and about the City of St. George.
be arranged.

or resting, visiting or attending any of
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The following is culled from "Hi Spots of St. George" and is reproduced here through the courtesy of Mayor William A. Barlocker

"St. George, Utah, the county seat of Washington County, was settled in 1861 and named in honor of George A. Smith, counselor to Brigham Young, president of the Mormon Church.

"When the Mormon Pioneers reached the Salt Lake Valley in July, 1847, they were destitute of clothing as they were of food, and President Brigham Young laid plans for growing cotton to aid the wool supply they were able to get from their sheep in making clothing. Captain Jefferson Hunt, upon his return from California, reported having seen a land warm and fertile in the 'southern country' which would be ideal. But it was over two years before a mission was established in this area.

"Although the life of the 'Cotton Mission' in Southern Utah was comparatively short, it accomplished its purpose and St. George and the surrounding territory prospered in

other pursuits, but they became known throughout the intermountain west as Utah's Dixie.

"Winters in Utah's Dixie are ideal, and St. George boasts at least 360 days of sunshine per year; the summers are moderate, this in spite of high temperature readings, and, with a low humidity reading, the days are comfortable, the nights delightfully cool.

"With its close proximity to Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon and other sporting and recreational areas, as well as local scenic beauty, St. George is well represented by adequate tourist accommodations.

"But, for all its transient industry, St. George is primarily a city of homes — substantial, comfortable dwellings, spacious well-kept lawns, wide clean streets and remarkable modern churches, schools and public buildings. Its principal industries are stock and turkey raising, dairy-ing and farming."



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DIXIE FOLKLORE AND PIONEER MEMORIES

By JENNIE B. MILLS (from book compiled by A. K. Hafen)

"My father, Melancthon W. Burgess, built the first house in St. George. While the neighbors were living in dugouts, or in willow houses, plastered over with mud, or in wagon boxes, we thought it was a luxury to have such a "nice" home. Father cut timber on the Parowman Mountains with a cross-cut saw and brought lumber and clapboards to build the house. The nails he made from iron ore obtained near Cedar City. The one-room building was lined with adobes (Dixie mud). There were four doors, one in each wall, and one window with eight small panes of glass which he brought with him from Salt Lake. There was a fireplace on the north side which was used for heating and for cooking. An iron bar with a hook in the middle extended across it. A large black iron kettle, in which meats and other foods were cooked, hung from this. Bake ovens and a frying pan with a long handle were also used. Potatoes and onions could be cooked in the coals or ashes. The floor was scrubbed with sand. Father made these cooking utensils, as he was a blacksmith.

"The furniture was made from a wagon box of black walnut wood. The wash bench was half of a large log with legs inserted in each end, smooth on top for brass buckets. In 1863, a bedroom, a kitchen, and a porch were added. Now in this home could be seen a Charter Oak stove, a chest, a sewing stand, a sewing chair, and a coal-oil lamp on the table. There was a built-in cupboard; the carpets were made from old clothes rags, and a chicken wing, or a bunch of feathers was used as a duster. There was a stone crock churn with a wooden dasher.

"In the home, parties, dances, wedding dances, Sunday school and meetings were held. At the dances, some were barefoot, some had cowhide boots or heavy shoes. A piece of tallow on the shelf was used to minister to stubbed toes or bruised feet so they could go on with the dance."

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California Trail Trek Proved Enjoyable

By A. R. STANDING

On the evening of June 22, twenty-nine men and boys met at Emery Springs near the City of Rocks to participate in the California Trail Trek. This road was made and first used by the Smith, Townsend and Murphy party with 18 wagons in 1844 under the guidance of 81-year-old Caleb Greenwood.

The trekkers included Merle W. Wells of the Idaho Historical Society, Lloyd Robb of the Idaho State Road Commission, Assistant Forest Ranger Kenneth R. Dittmer and his brother Jack, Grant Williams, a guest from Richfield, Utah, and five representatives from SUP Chapters in Box Elder County. The other 20 participants were from the Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club Chapter of SUP. The Box Elder group remained only for the evening bonfire program.

After a scrumptious dutch oven supper, an evening of pioneer stories, group singing and history of the California Trail

was enjoyed. All slept out under a very beautiful summer sky.

The following day the group explored the trail from Almo, Idaho, to the Junction of Big and Little Goose Creeks. We saw the Treasure Inscription, and Bath-tub rocks in the City of Rocks. Most of the group hiked the old trail from the City of Rocks over the divide, about a half-mile east of the Twin Sisters rocks (named by Addison Pratt in 1848) to its junction with the Salt Lake cut-off trail near the head of Emigrant Canyon.

At the Chet Bullars' Ranch, west of Moulton, Idaho, the Bullars family displayed artifacts found along the trail and Mr. Bullars showed us some near-by pioneer graves.

We had lunch at Granite Springs where the pioneers frequently camped and where a Mormon Battalion group, including Henry W. Bigler, Addison

See California Trek, Page 12



CALIFORNIA TRAIL TREKKERS, reading pioneer names and initials on Inscription Rock in the City of Rocks. (Photo by Wm. E. Johnson.)

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DONNER - MORMON TRAIL TREK INTERESTING EVENT

The Donner-Mormon Trail from Henefer to Salt Lake City was followed by a group of SUP members and their guests on Saturday, July 15. The group assembled at the pioneer monument in Henefer, where the history was related of passage through that area by Hastings, Clyman and Hudspeth on June 4, 1846, going east, by the Bryant, Harlan-Young, Lienhard and Donner-Reed parties going west in late July and early August of that year, and by the Mormon Pioneers in 1847.



SUP MEMBERS AND THEIR WIVES PAUSE ON THE DONNER-MORMON TRAIL ON THE WAY FROM HENEFER TO SALT LAKE.

The caravan then drove to Salt Lake City, stopping along the way to see portions of the original road and to hear its history.

Lunch was enjoyed on the pass over Big Mountain.

The trek terminated at "This Is the Place Monument" and the nearby Information Center where the inspiring mural by Lynn Fausett of the Mormon Pioneer journey from Nauvoo made a fitting climax to an enjoyable day.

CALIFORNIA TREK, From Page 11

Pratt, Israel Evans and Azariah Smith, camped the night of September 14, 1848, on their way from California to join the Saints in Salt Lake City. The group then hiked a rough portion of the trail for about three miles from west of Granite Pass to Birch Creek.

After supper that night we read the hundreds of inscriptions on the register rocks below our camp near Jesse's grave, then spent another pleasant evening around the camp fire. We slept in the open again on the banks of Goose Creek. An elk was seen in a meadow near camp and a coyote serenaded us — a rare sound these days.

Saturday morning we hiked from the mouth of Little Goose Creek through the narrows, up Dry Gulch and then followed the trail over a rocky ridge out of Dry Gulch — a distance of about 5 miles. A feature of this hike was a huge eagle's nest built of sticks in some cliffs near the old trail which apparently eagles have used for many years.

Lunch that day was at Rock Springs, another favorite pioneer camping spot. We then followed the trail, still clearly visible, through the Thousand Springs Valley and on to Wells, Nev.

Part of the group digressed to Wendover to follow a road north to the McKeller Ranch at the base of Pilot Peak. Here are the springs that succored those who traveled over the Salt Flats, including the Donner Party. We saw their tracks, still visible in the Salt flats between the McKeller Ranger and the Silver Island Range.

Good fellowship, companionship of dads and sons, excellent campfire grub and an increased knowledge and appreciation of our pioneer heritage made this an enjoyable and profitable trek.

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LITERATURE AVAILABLE

The St. George Centennial Committee will have some excellent local literary material available for sale.

Included will be: "A History of the Lower Basin," by A. Karl Larson.

"Under Dixie Sun," compiled by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

"Giant Joshua," by Maurine Whipple; paper-bound edition.

"Dixie Folklore and Pioneer Memoirs," by A. K. Hafen.

The Utah Historical Quarterly, by the State Historical Society.

A Souvenir Edition honoring the pioneers and listing the program will be distributed to those attending the celebration.

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AN OPEN LETTER ON TEARING DOWN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE

By DR. JOSEPH WALKER

I have heard that there is a movement on foot in our desert village to demolish the ancient Court House and to insult the memory and belittle the achievements of the Dixie pioneers by erecting on its site a gas station. Have our people so lost their sense of values that they can be persuaded for thirty pieces of silver to desecrate this historic shrine?

St. George is distinguished, even as it is ennobled, by three outstanding achievements in architecture — the Temple, the Tabernacle, and the Court House. Each is a symbol of a profound and fundamental ideal, which combined to make up the good life. The Temple speaks of the mysteries of eternity of man's reaching for the intangibles which are of the eternal quest; the Tabernacle offers freedom of worship, in fact the realities; the Court House guarantees the basic American liberties acquired after centuries of struggle.

We need to remember that neither the Temple or the Tabernacle would be possible without the Court House and the liberties it guarantees. This beautiful colonial structure was built by men to whom these liberties had been denied. Their homes were being entered daily by officers without a warrant. They were often denied trial by jury; in fact, they were always held guilty in advance of trial. They were hounded into the hills, and while they were gone, officers of the law entered and searched their homes, insulting their women and intimidating their children. This building was their declaration that all men, even those not of their own faith, should be equal before the law, that the basic American rights of all should be honored.

A cultured New Englander driving along the main highway through St. George recently stopped at the site of this building. Was he dreaming, he wondered, or had he suddenly been transported back home? To see here in this desert valley a building so typical of his own, speaking so eloquently of basic American liberties as do Fanuel Hall or Independence Hall gave him a new respect for the people in this isolated village. Here was a shrine so full of meaning that he could almost see standing on the balcony a tough old Puritan reading aloud the Bill of Rights to an assembled group gathered to vote acceptance of the new constitution of the thirteen colonies about to be fused into the United States of America.

St. George is a proud little city, and its pride has been purchased at a fearful cost. Listen to the voice of Erastus Snow as he speaks to you from the past:

"This land was a vast desolation when my people first saw it, a land as desolate as that which now stretches beyond the Rio Virgin. But with God's help and the sacrifices of the people it has builded to what we see today. And it is entrusted to your care even as it was entrusted to mine under the name of the Cotton Mission. It was a fearful trust when I took it, took it fresh from the wilderness and by man untouched. It is a fearful trust to have handed to you today: fearful because it represented so much that has been bought so dearly.

"These three buildings, the symbols of our faith in God and our trust in man, were locked in the everlasting clutch of the eternal hills when we came here. Our bare hands and wasting strength dug them out. The timbers that form their beams and doors and joists and floors when we were encamped that first winter here, the winter of the forty days' rain were parts of the untouched forest far yonder where you see the dim outlines of Mt. Trumbull.

"Our food was scant, and our animals had none save the wild grasses of the hills. To the rock-ribbed mountains and forests there were no roads. But within our hearts there were ideals and aspirations and a faith that called aloud to be housed, decently housed as befit their dignity and importance. And though our hands were bare, our will was steeled, and with them alone we tore asunder the hills and moved the forest and brought them together and fashioned them into what you see before you today. Then with prayer and song and high resolve we dedicated them to God, asking Him to withhold from us his blessings if we used them for any purpose less worthy than those for which we had builded them. And all the people said, 'Amen.'"

There are those of us who have learned the hard way the historical values and the moral values of the three outstanding structures which our pioneer fathers builded for us. No man can afford to play lightly with the sacred memories of a people or to permit the crude hand of greed to touch their historic shrines. For memory is a powerful moral force, a force greater than any one man, hence a force which no one man should assume the responsibility of destroying. Whosoever would do so shall go down in history

as a ghoul and a grave robber, remembered only as the wretch who bartered an un-replaceable building of pure colonial architecture for a gas station and an out-house.

On nights when I am weary with the worries a taxing and an irksome profession places upon me, I return to that quiet village and walk its streets alone, sit upon the steps of the ancient Court House or linger beneath the friendly trees about the Tabernacle or stand in silence beside the moon-washed beauty of the Temple, where are heard only the murmurings of the distant river or the whisperings of the night winds across the desolation beyond. And I rest.

If one of these three buildings, these symbols whose mystic entwinings express liberty and freedom and love of God, were to be destroyed, I and hundreds of others who silently and unobserved steal into the village of our birth to walk alone at night among its beauties will ask, "How long before the other two will fall a prey to the ravishing hand of Greed, to the out-stretched claws grasping for thirty pieces of silver?"

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NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TREK TO ST. GEORGE

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Leave your home on Friday, September 1, in time to reach Fillmore by 11 a.m. Spend an hour seeing the old State House Museum and other points of interest. Lunch at Fillmore. Drive to Cove Fort and make a brief stop there. Restoration work has been done at Cove Fort and many fine museum pieces have been collected there. The owners give an interesting account of the Fort. There is a small admission charge.

Drive on to Cedar City. From the Escalante Hotel in Cedar City turn West and travel westerly on State Highway No. 56 18.2 miles. Then take left-hand turn on to dirt road marked by a Dixie National Forest entrance sign. 4.7 miles on the dirt road will bring you to the Page Ranch and another 5.8 miles to the historic town of Pinto. The large two-story building on the right as you enter Pinto is the old Knell Hotel. Brigham Young stopped at this hotel on a number of his visits to Southern Utah. From Pinto continue west 6.3 miles to the Burgess Ranch. This is the old Jacob Hamblin Ranch at the North end of Mountain Meadows.

Continue on past the Burgess Ranch 2.1 miles to the paved highway (Forest

Highway between St. George and Enterprise). Turn South (left) and drive 2.5 miles to the Mountain Meadow Monument sign. A right-hand turn and 1 mile on the dirt road will bring you to Mountain Meadow Monument site. Guides will be there to tell you the history.

Go on to St. George. Saturday and Sunday in St. George. An excellent two-day program has been arranged. The details of which will be announced elsewhere in this issue of *SUP News*.

Monday, September 4 — leave St. George at 5:30 or 6:00 a.m., with St. George members as guides. Arrive at Short Creek and Berry Knoll an hour later. Short stop there to hear story of Indians killing the Berry Brothers and the story of Short Creek. Thirty-minute drive from there to Pipe Springs National Monument for Dutch Oven breakfast and a lecture and tour of the old fort. Adjournment at 9:00 or 9:30 a.m. Some may wish to go on to the Grand Canyon or see Zion Canyon, Cedar Breaks, Bryce Canyon, Glen Canyon or other attractions before returning home.

Keep this for later reference. If you want more details, call or write A. R. Standing, 3505 Eccles Avenue, Ogden, Utah, phone EXport 3-6993, or to Volney B. Belnap, 918 East 21st Street, Ogden, Utah, phone EXport 4-9909.



THE SUP NEWS WANTS TO CONGRATULATE the 1960 Officers of the Dixie Mission Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for a Job Well Done, and Also Welcome the 1961 Officers to a Big Job Ahead — The 1960 Officers pictured here are, from left to right, Scott Prsbrey, 2nd Vice President; Henry Graff, President; W. W. Cannon, 1st Vice President; V. R. Leany, Secretary-Treasurer.



THE 1961 OFFICERS pictured here are, from left to right, H. Lorenzo Reid, 1st Vice President; Phillip Foremaster, President; Scott Prsbrey, 3rd Vice President; V. R. Leany, Secretary-Treasurer, and W. W. Cannon, 2nd Vice President.

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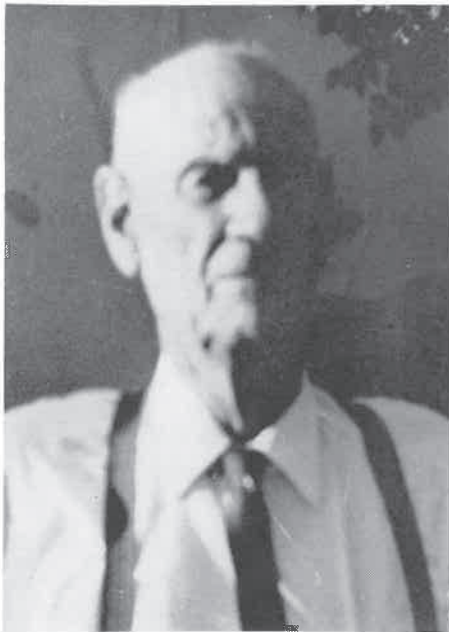


SUP PROFILES

JOHN LYTLE WHIPPLE

John Lytle Whipple was born at St. George, Utah, April 7, 1874, of pioneer parents, Eli and Caroline Lytle Whipple. He was the second of their six children who with their parents spent most of their childhood summers at their ranch and saw mill at Pine Valley, Utah.

John L. or J. L. as he is now intimately called by those close to him, learned early in life to be resourceful and remain calm enough to think and act himself out of



JOHN LYTLE WHIPPLE

difficult circumstances. At fourteen or fifteen years of age he began riding the rugged desert range between St. George and Colorado River, for Apostle Antoine Ivins at Parashaunt. He also rode for Preston Nutter.

A true western thriller of a story could be written on one trip alone with an outfit of Nutter's, with which he and four other St. George boys hired, and left St. George, September 15, 1890, in a company of seventeen men from the north to go to Gregg's Ferry on the Colorado River to receive and trail to Strawberry Valley, 5,000 head of Texas cattle Nutter had just purchased. Briefly: Delay after delay put them in a position of starting back with the cattle practically starved because of depleted provisions. And because of finding expected springs dry, J. L., though only sixteen years of age saved himself and three other boys from choking to death. He obtained, on foot, a coffee

pot of water from the Virgin River about ten miles distant, and returning gave it to the three lads he had left behind. Finally, nearly given out, starved and with tongues swollen with thirst, they gave up and crawled into the shade of a ledge to die, having told J. L. what to tell their folks if he made it out alive.

No one died, most of the cattle and horses were saved and after about a year J. L. left Nutter's employ and worked for various others around St. George until 1898.

On July 3, 1893, John L. married Rose Ellen Warren by whom he raised his family of ten children. In the spring of 1898, he rode horseback to Lund, Nevada, to take over care of the LDS Church cattle there. In and around Lund he secured land and built and stocked several good ranches, which along with some mining ventures all contributed to his financial success and security. The ranching ventures were mostly in cattle, but he did raise considerable wheat because of a partnership with another man with a flour mill. This was most opportune because of the first World War.

In a civic capacity, J. L. was active in Nevada, serving as postmaster of Sunnyside, several years on the Advisory Board of Graziers and as an assembly man in the Nevada State Legislature, to mention a few. He was a close friend of Nevada late Senator Maloney.

Rose Ellen Warren Whipple passed away on April 12, 1939. A few years later J. L., in his typical wisdom, chose a second wife, Fannie Nelson Miles, a widow of a prominent St. George merchant. In their years of retirement, they are living happily together in St. George, each being loved and respected by the children and grandchildren of the other.

Brother Whipple is a charter member of our Dixie Mission Chapter of SUP, is always prompt in payment of his dues and is always on hand for meetings and treks if at home. He still enjoys good health and is tall, straight, active and alert. He drives his own car without fear of mishap or mechanical failure on freeways, highways or byways.

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